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DOCKET NO: CAA-09-2007- 0021
This ESA is issued to: Stratford Growers, Inc.
P.O. Box 68, Stratford, CA 93266

For: Violation of Section 112(r)(7) of the Clean Air Act.
At: Stratford Growers, Inc., 19813 Madison Avenue, Hanford, CA 93266

This Expedited Settlement Agreement (ESA) is being entered into by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Region IX, by its duly delegated official, Keith Takata, Superfund Director, and by Stratford Growers, Inc., (Respondent) pursuant to Section 113(a)(3) and (d) of the Clean Air Act (the Act), 42 U.S.C. ' 7413(a)(3) and (d), and by 40 C.F.R. ' 22.13(b). On November 30, 2006, EPA obtained the concurrence of the U.S. Department of Justice, pursuant to Section 113(d)(1) of the Act, 42 U.S.C. ' 7413(d)(1), to pursue this administrative enforcement action.

ALLEGED VIOLATIONS

Respondent was required to review and update its risk management plan (RMP) for the stationary source referenced above and submit it to EPA, as required by Section 112(r)(7) of the Act and 40 C.F.R. ' ' 68.150(c), 68.190(a) and 68.195, by June 21, 2004. Respondent failed to review and update its RMP and submit it to EPA on or before June 21, 2004 in violation of Section 112(r)(7) of the Act and 40 C.F.R. ' ' 68.150(c), 68.190(a) and 68.195.

SETTLEMENT

In consideration of Respondent=s size of business, its full compliance history and previous penalties assessed, its good faith effort to comply, the duration and seriousness of the violation, the economic impact of the penalty, economic benefit, and other factors as justice may require, and upon consideration of the entire record, the parties enter into this ESA in order to settle the violations described above for the total penalty amount of \$600.00.

This settlement is subject to the following terms and conditions:

The Respondent by signing below admits to jurisdiction, neither admits nor denies the specific factual allegations contained above, and consents to the assessment of the penalty as stated above. Respondent waives its rights to a hearing afforded by Section 113(d)(2)(A) of the Act, 42 U.S.C ' 7413(d)(2)(A), and to appeal this ESA. Each party to this action shall bear its own attorney=s fees and costs, if any. Respondent also certifies, subject to civil and criminal penalties for making a false submission to the United States Government, that the Respondent has corrected the violations listed above and has sent a cashier=s check or certified check (payable to the ATreasurer, United States of America@) in the amount of \$600.00 in payment of the full penalty amount to the following address:

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Region 9
P.O. Box 371099M
Pittsburgh, PA 15251

The check should reference Respondent=s name and a copy of this ESA must be included with the check.

Open Respondent's Examination of the signed original ESA
against Respondent for the violations of the Act alleged above. This ESA shall not be construed as a covenant not to sue, a release, waiver, or limitation of any rights, remedies, powers, or authorities, civil or criminal that EPA has under the Act or any other statutory, regulatory, or common law enforcement authority of the United States, except as stated above.

If the signed original ESA with an attached copy of the check is not returned to the EPA Region IX office at the above address in correct form by the Respondent within 30 days of the date of Respondent's receipt of the proposed ESA, the ESA is withdrawn, without prejudice to EPA's ability to file an enforcement action for the violations identified herein.

This ESA is binding on the parties signing below.

This ESA is effective upon filing with the Regional Hearing Clerk.

FOR RESPONDENT – Stratford Growers, Inc.

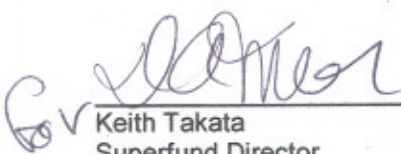
Signature: 

Date: 07-27-2007

Name (print): STEPHEN TAYLOR


Title (print): MANAGER

FOR COMPLAINANT:


Keith Takata
Superfund Director
U.S. EPA Region IX

Date: 5 September 2007

It is hereby ORDERED that this ESA be entered and Respondent pay the above penalty.


Steven L. Jawgiel
Chief Judicial Officer
U.S. EPA Region IX

Date: 09/07/07



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July 27, 2007

PAY TO THE ORDER OF *A Treasurer, United States of America*

\$ *****600.00

REMITTER: *Stratford Growers, Inc.*

STOPPING PAYMENT ON A CASHIER'S CHECK IS RESTRICTED BY STATUTE

Pursuant to UCC §3312(b)1, claims for lost, stolen,
or destroyed cashier's checks will not be paid until the 91st day after
the original issue date of the check.

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Overlay ID 00247-T3 (04/2007)

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Docket No. CAA-9-2007- 0021

I hereby certify that the original copy of the foregoing Expedited Settlement Agreement, with the Docket number referenced above, has been filed with the Region 9 Hearing Clerk and that a copy was sent by certified mail, return receipt requested, to:

Stephen Taylor
Manager
Stratford Growers, Inc.
P.O. Box 68
Stratford, CA 93266

Sep. 7, 2007

Date

Danielle E. Carr

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Regional Hearing Clerk
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